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## **Community Response to Hate Crimes**

### **Local Officials Hold Community Meeting to Stress Zero Tolerance**

**Who:** Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, Supervisor Jim Beall, Sheriff Laurie Smith, San Jose Police Chief Davis, the Santa Clara County Network for a Hate Free Community.

**What:** Community meeting to address hate crime concerns.

**When:** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 6:30-8:30PM.

**Where:** Cypress Senior Center, Multipurpose Room, 403 South Cypress Avenue, San Jose, 95117.

SAN JOSE, CA- This Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 6:30-8:30 local elected officials and law enforcement officers will gather at the Cypress Senior Center at 403 South Cypress Avenue, San Jose, CA 95117 to condemn recent racially motivated hate crimes in the San Jose community. This forum will address increased skinhead activity and the racially charged vandalism of nine homes and two elementary schools in San Jose. Residents will have the opportunity to voice their concerns and hear about local San Jose officials' plans to combat hate crime.

Speakers at the event will include Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, County Supervisor Jim Beall, County Sheriff Laurie Smith and San Jose Police Chief Davis. The Santa Clara County Network for a Hate Free Community with 100 members from a diverse collaboration between the DA's office, law enforcement and community representatives will also be on hand to provide advice and support.

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